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1. WE TOO QUESTION WISDOM OF APPROACH TO GOI ON SUBJECT OF HADDAD AT THIS TIME (REF A).
2. AMBASSADOR LEONARD'S RESPONSE (PARA THREE REF B) STRIKES US AS RIGHT ON TARGET. UN IS WORKING TO GET GOL TO TAKE SOME DECISIONS (AND HOPEFULLY EVENTUALLY SOME ACTION AS WELL) CONCERNING SOUTH LEBANON AND WE SHOULD NOT ENHANCE GOI - HADDAD CONNECTION.
3. WE UNDERSTAND SIIASVUO NOW PLANS TO RETURN TO BEIRUT

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JUNE 10 FOR ANOTHER ROUND WITH GOL OFFICIALS. PERHAPS THINGS WILL BE CLEARER AFTER THAT. IF HADDAD ACTUALLY TRIES TO IMPEDE DEPLOYMENT OF UNIFIL AFTER DEPARTURE OF IDF, THEN WE COULD WEIGH IN.

4. FINALLY, THERE HAS BEEN CONTACT BETWEEN GOL LIAISON

OFFICER AT NAQOURA ON ONE SIDE AND ISRAELIS/HADDAD ON THE OTHER. THE "ARREST" MENTIONED PARA THREE REF B WAS STAGED (SO UN SOURCES HERE SAY) IN ORDER THAT LEBANESE LTCOL COULD CONSULT WITH IDF AND HADDAD WITHOUT COMPROMISING HIMSELF. APPARENTLY, MEETING WAS A SUCCESS SINCE LEBANESE COLONEL REPORTEDLY WEPT WITH EMOTION AT CONCLUSION OF HIS GET-TOGETHER.

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